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From: Crossland, Ronnie
Sent: Sat 8/15/2015 4:53:06 PM
Subject: RE: Draft Summary

Carl,

I will make the changes you suggested. We didn't discuss sampling the DW systems, but recommend that the operator do it. However, the stuff that NMED is wanting us to do includes sampling finished water.

I do have some comments on the NMED conditions. Seems like they are not taking into account the data we are receiving.

Ronnie

From: Edlund, Carl
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Garcia, David
Cc: Crossland, Ronnie
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Consolidate 2nd and 4th bullets

3rd and 5th bullets should be in sequence

Didn't we say that we would offer to NMED that we would sample drinking water if they needed that additional assurance of safety?

We need to get back with NMED about the Conditions.

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On Aug 15, 2015, at 11:34 AM, Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov> wrote:

From the conversation I heard, that is a good summary.

David F. Garcia

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From: Crossland, Ronnie

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Carl and David,

Please review

Ronnie

Gold King Mine

Summary of EPA Discussion

Regarding the Potential Decision by State of New Mexico and San Juan County

The State of New Mexico and San Juan County are considering allowing drinking water systems to begin taking water out of the Animas River. One drinking water system has reported that they are approaching a critical condition with regard to its reservoir supply. The State and local personnel are taking a very deliberative approach to return to-normal level of operation

- The samples collected in the Animas River on August 8th, 9th, and 10th all indicate that the level of constituents sampled are below New Mexico water quality standards and MCLs.
- The State and Local personnel initiated flushing of the irrigation ditches at 7:00 pm on August 14, 2015.
- The ditch operators have been informed that they may begin regular operations after 12 hours of flushing.
- The flushing of ditches removed residue and was initiated on August 14,

2015,

- The intent of a delay between flushing and allowing the drinking water systems to begin taking water from the Animus River is to allow adequate time for any turbidity to dilute and disperse.
- EPA will continue to monitor surface water at the drinking water intakes.

EPA will continue to sample and analyze surface water and sediment. EPA will make the data available to support State and local decision makers moving forward and allow them to make informed decisions.